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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Park City Meeting 8/18/98

FROM: Jim Christiansen *K 8/19/98*
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TO: File

Luke Chavez, Bonnie Lavelle, and I met with Kevin Murray, external counsel for United Park City Mines (UPCM), on August 18, 1998 from 10:00 to 11:30 at the EPA Conference Center. The meeting was held at the request of Kevin Murray on behalf of UPCM. No attorney was present to represent EPA.

Kevin described the current corporate climate within UPCM regarding dealings with the EPA. He indicated their new CEO, Hank Rothwell, is interested in fostering a more cooperative relationship with EPA. This meeting was primarily to communicate this desire. Kevin provided several examples to demonstrate this change in corporate philosophy.

More specifically, Kevin indicated UPCM is interested in developing the Richardson Flats Site in conjunction with a suitable cleanup. UPCM is interested in developing an "entertainment complex," with possible plans for a golf course and/or equestrian center. They would like this development to occur prior to the Olympics, and Kevin suggested a two-year time frame. UPCM would like to model the effort on that conducted at Murray Smelter and keep the site(s) off the NPL. UPCM would like to speed up the traditional NPL process (i.e. avoiding a lengthy RI/FS) and is not currently considering the use of Superfund dollars to finance the characterization, cleanup, or development, but would finance the effort entirely with private funds. Kevin also indicated UPCM would only work with EPA being the lead agency and desired a reduced involvement with the State of Utah.

I expressed EPA's current policies regarding NPL listing, the possibility of not listing the Park City Sites, and our willingness and ability to move quickly and be flexible when a



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PRP is willing to fund the cleanup 100% and redevelop a site. Luke and I expressed EPAs desire to address the entire Silver Creek watershed holistically, as opposed to piecemeal, as has been the case until recently. Kevin indicated UPCM did not have the resources to address all the Sites at once, but wasn't opposed to the reasoning behind our desire. Neither Luke, Bonnie, or I made any commitments, but indicated we were optimistic that the suggested approach would be accepted favorably by EPA. We suggested UPCM begin working on a work plan and draft AOC (at their risk and discretion) while we began addressing these developments in-house and with the State of Utah.

